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SPEECH OF MR. WISE, OF VA.

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The Madison Whig Advocate, field. The Post Office Department was RECENTLY DISCOVERED default of Samuel at large, written and composed wholly them to furnish evidence against them official attack upon the privileges of request, and official attack upon the privileges of request. first charged with every crime in the Swartwout," &c. Such is the new title by myself, I beg leave to read in part as selves! in office. The charges were denied, those this report, to which I wish to call your upon the history and proceedings of that made, it was to have been expected that sistance to the just powers of the House dent had understand and made them vilified, and investigation was attention, is, that the deficit of Mr. committee. scorned and scoffed at, until the complaint Swartwout at the end of each successive [Here Mr. Wise read that part of his them to specifications, and that the com inviolable principles necessary to the ry from the Executive and them to specifications, and that the complaint is the read that part of his them to specifications, and that the complaint is the read that part of his them to specifications, and that the complaint is the read that part of his them to specifications, and that the complaint is the read that part of his them to specifications, and that the complaint is the read that part of his them to specifications, and that the complaint is the read that part of his them to specifications, and that the complaint is the read that part of his them to specifications, and that the complaint is the read that part of his them to specifications, and that the complaint is the read that part of his them to specifications, and that the complaint is the read that part of his them to specifications, and that the complaint is the read that part of his them to specifications, and that the complaint is the read that part of his them to specifications are read that part of his them to specifications are read that part of his them to specifications are read that part of his them to specifications are read that part of his them to specifications are read that part of his them to specifications.

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e for thirty days over this man. The Globe denounced me as the in moral turpitude, though less in amount tions of the committee: a. I feel very timid of locofocoism tool of a faction, and daily were I and my of dollars and cents, than the case of

wiling it again. I see, sir, gentle- friend (Mr. PEYTON) playcarded for Swartwout, as I will show directly by this discussion should calumny and falsehood, "by authority" in House document No. 297, dated March not yet. They are the official organ. During that session, 30th, 1838, containing the official corres. the 24th inst., your letter, covering a sociates, and every other member of ful rules and regulations respectively. sentiment will be fore- whilst there was time to investigate, we pondence of Mr. Woodbuary with red. They are heartily sick of this were not heeded, except by bitter denun- ceivers, and the reports of commission- to have been adopted by a committee of charge of corruption, to testify, before the United States, and it would not see the Contract of the United States the House of Representatives, of which God and our country, whether you or test the public lands and public all together for their sakes, then, I more brought forth fruit at the next ses- a document which shows defaulting re- you are chairman, and request that you they know of any specific corruption or without in puring for information of without in puring for information of without in puring for information of the chairman, and request that you they know of any specific corruption or without in puring for information of the chairman, and request that you have the chairman of th goon; let them be patient under the sion—an official notice, though indirect, ceivers were as numerous as land offices will lay before that committee this, my abuse of trust in the Executive Departif they are hungry, let them in the Message of the President—the themselves. I did not know of these reply, which I hasten to make. are and get their dinner; I shall not "last annual Message" of the Greatest cases then; no one had heard a whisper "It appears, by the published proceed- are able to point to any case where there guments, it was argued by the friends of they should not a state of the greatest cases then; no one had heard a whisper there guments.

they have only given me more time sent to us his "last annual Message," in was then kept quietly and snugly con- chairman, was appointed on your mo- I can remove shall be interposed to premas before me, I could rain forty days intimated by myself and others at the

On the 31st Dec. 1830, On the 31st Dec. 1831, On the 31st Dec. 1832, On the 31st Dec. 1833, On the 31st Dec. 1834. On the 31st Dec. 1835, On the 31st Dec. 1836,

eave to proceed yester- In December, 1836, General Jackson long list which is now reported. All that the committee of which you are tion or abuse of trust, no obstacle which constituted an improvement and an improvement of the committee of which is now reported.

Six good liege men and true, to three debates, united with you in these accuthey who had been such scourges month and twelve days of the 4th of affecting against the purity of the March, 1837, of the expiration of the March, 1837, and on that I was able to wring affecting against the purity of the March, 1837, and on that I was able to wring affecting the sations; and for the purpose of ascertaining their truth or falsehood, the committee went to taining their truth or falsehood, the committee to examine, upon oath, such and charged corruption and the committee to examine, upon oath, such and charged corruption and charged corruption and the committee to examine, upon oath, such and charged corruption and the committee to examine, upon oath, such and charged corruption and charged charged corruption and charged charged corruption and charged char offences themselves. But, mark from a reluctant Executive majority the made three reports, as was to have been raised, and you were placed at its head. gentlemen as had charged corruptions against the heads of the Expected. One report was signed by The first proceeding of the investigating Thion of General Jackson had been gation. It would never have been grant- the majority of six, the other by the miagh in power to conceive iniqui- ed had not an issue been tendered by the nority of three, and I made a separate tions, which, though amended in their port is the best history and commentary formed by a member of three and I made a separate bring forth corruption and crime, tenfold blacker than had ever be-

calender of malversation and malfeasance of this old work! This fact disclosed in the best commentary I now can make

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Bu, instead of That the letter was official; that in this grow, making the committee what he 1,168 87 uary; that the resolution of the commit-30,301 33 tee was broad enough to embrace every more vague than your original accusa- thority over the proceedings of the privileges and valued the Constraint 35,298 54 species of legitimate inquiry; that there tions; and, in open violation of the Con- House; it shows he did not book to the by hobbing members disserts accounts 50,370 04 were many subjects of inquiry near at stitution, and of that well-established results alone of those proceedings, but him for words species in a blanch of the second s 137,061 69 hand which the committee could pursue: and wise maxim, that all men are pre- assumed to look behind them, and to su- holding them accommable in the most 336,718 69 that they took up four of them and adopt- sumed to be innocent until proven guilty, pervise what each House, for itself above, which and insulting manner, he the age On the 31st Dec. 1837, 1,016,955 32 ed four resolutions: 1st, As to patronage according to the established rules of law, by the Constitution, has power to determine the stabilished rules of law, On the 28th Mar. 1838, 1,225,705 69 to the public press; 2d, As to appointments you request myself and the heads of the mine-the proceedings by which it acrive Constitution provides, that the Thus it is now officially reported by without consent and advice of the Senate; Departments to become our own accu- ed at those results. That the President speech or behave at other House, the -not foolishly again to grant or yield to when the certificate was given, that then, President's own friends by inserting the in which alone, by the Constitution, the President assumed to control as well as the President assumed to control as the President as the President assumed to control as the President assumed to control as the President as the Preside another investigation. To appeare the at the very date of the Presidential cer- words "without authority of law;" that power of impeaching us is vested! 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To that business I shall direct other, that, whether the condition of the parties and the gains he had laid up against a was denounced for insinuating even a 24th of January, in a respectful note. day of trouble from the profits of favor- breath of suspicion that any one of the That on Friday, the 27th of January, them to devote themselves, in preference Government was good or bad, it was sime of the states, but a sense of the states and the states of the state ed mail contractors, and the rest and worst of the robbers were retained in the officer in receipt of customs at the worst of the robbers were retained in the officer in receipt of customs at the worst of the robbers were retained in the officer in receipt of customs at the worst of the robbers were retained in the officer in receipt of customs at the worst of the robbers were retained in the officer in receipt of customs at the worst of the robbers were retained in the officer in receipt of customs at the worst of the robbers were retained in the officer in receipt of customs at the worst of the robbers were retained in the officer in receipt of customs at the worst of the robbers were retained in the officer in receipt of customs at the worst of the robbers were retained in the officer in receipt of customs at the worst of the robbers were retained in the officer in receipt of customs at the worst of the robbers were retained in the officer in receipt of customs at the worst of the robbers were retained in the officer in receipt of customs at the worst of the robbers were retained in the officer in receipt of customs at the worst of the robbers were retained in the officer in receipt of customs at the worst of the robbers were retained in the officer in receipt of customs at the worst of the robbers were retained in the officer in receipt of customs at the worst of the robbers were retained in the robbers were r very flood-gate of duties—the very em- New York, to answer the question: "Do source it may come, or however anxious but trustees and servants of the People, goges, and answer the question is not an analysis of the People, goges, and an analysis of the People, But, sir, I was not for permitting the porium of commerce, embezzling public you, of your cun knowledge, know of any they may be to meet it. For myself, I at all times amenable to them, and that not exceeds a second them. avestigate the defalcation Administration to be "whipped and clear- money to the tune of \$336,000! And act by either of the heads of the Executive shall repel all such attempts as an inva-Swartwoot, late Collector at ed" after conviction upon indictment was he alone a defaulter? Was it at the Departments, which is either corrupt or a sion of the principles of justice, as well render an account, without being specified and the conviction upon indictment was he alone a defaulter? York Several gentlemen solicited against one Department, the Post Office, receipt of customs alone that the public violation of their official duties?" That as of the Constitution; and I shall es ficulty charged with a final constitution; is remarks until to-mor- alone. I believed that there were other money was purloined? No, Sir. Other he (Mr. Wise) was proceeding to answer Departments as foul, and that investiga- Judases held the other bags. The re- this question, when the private Secre-Mr. Speaker: After once loosing the tion was more necessary in the Treasury ceivers at the land offices, too, were at tary of the President entered the comher I did, by complying Department, especially, than any other. the same date equally in default, morally mittee room, and presented the commits the other day, and by I so charged during the long session of and in a pecuniary point of view. There tee the following letter in reply to his ar decision yesterday that petitions 1835-6. I was laughed at as a mad- were tens and fifties of cases even worse of the 24th, communicating the resolu-

"Washington, City, Jan. 26, 1837.

which he gave a certificate of honesty, cealed in the dark chamber of Mr. tion. The resolutions offered by you, vent the fullest scratiny by all legal vides -- the rights of the People when the fullest scratiny by all legal vides -- the rights of the People when the fullest scratiny by all legal vides -- the rights of the People when the fullest scratiny by all legal vides -- the rights of the People when the rights of the and op for themselves wrath against probity, and good demeaner to all the Woodbury's secret cabinet. I did not and finally adopted by the House, raised means. The offices of all the departs core in their persons, begins a probity, and good demeaner to all the Woodbury's secret cabinet. ay of wrath. I feel better prepar- officers of all the Executive Depart- know, but, in Yankee phrase, I "guessed" a direct issue with that part of my an- ments will be opened to you, and every and effects against unreasonable against unreas rath. I feel better preparofficers of all the Executive Departnow, but, in Tankee phrase, I guessea
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And, sir, as if to give this certificate all tempority of this House would do their sufficient form the suff the Treasury would, before ing paragraph in which, as with a sigh denounced, all inquiry and all investi- any quarter, at the manner in which other, shall repudiate all attempts to in-House adjourns, be impeached. If a felon descrived the hangman's old Caesar at the thought of leaving powsbury, deserves impeachment! That low-citizens for the encouragement and resolution of inquiry, to gull the People power to send for persons and papers, and with fair pretensions, you shut the doors or bring no proof of such as shall be and minute inquiry. The People or bring no proof of such as shall be and minute inquiry. having come short of all he desired to of the Departments; you silenced all re-This is a bold declaration; I know the accomplish, his confidence in a favorable which they have been conducted, into the ted States as the authors of unfounded would the establishment of a cht of its responsibility; it requires exertion to prove it; and I must be mitted to go back a little, to take a move of the past, from the beginning, in gather, and group, and array all in gather, and group, and array all exhibits and proofs.

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We will soon see whether there were objects of their creation, or have violated their ductives, whose special duties are to examine loped whether "intelligence and patriot" a select committee of nine members, public service and interest; and that said annually into all the details of those excessive and proper. theman before me, (Mr Adams,) and ism sufficient in those who succeeded with power to send for persons and pafound victims on whom to glut and him have been found to apply the "cor- pers, and with instructions to inquire into such periods of time as to them may partments. The like remark is applicathe condition of the various Executive seem expedient and proper." It also ap- ble to some other branches of the infor-Sir, I forthwith joined issue with the hold between the wind and example of one whom they might gain public between the wind and example of one whom they might gain public between the wind and example of one which would at once blast the would be with the would at once blast the would be with the wo from any quarter, at the manner in which of corruption and abuse in the Executive fully, &c. The resolutions adopted Departments, or their bureaus or Departments. The resolutions adopted first and last victim was Tobias partments were in a prosperous condiof every description whatever, directly by the House itself, must be taken in Chairman of the Investigating Committee trolled the processing of the House itself, must be taken in Chairman of the Investigating Committee trolled the processing of the House itself, must be taken in Chairman of the Investigating Committee trolled the processing of the Investigating Committee trolled the Investigating Committe They seized upon him and his ition.

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The seized upon him and his of the less than four blinds and integrity and and dollars, prostrated the power 3d. That it had been the aim of the ties pertaining to the public interest, proceedings. When thus regarded, it is the party which trusted him with considered the matter of the nation as pure patriots, and on the nation as pure patriots. 4th. That there was no just cause of the public service and interest; and that leged, in his annual message, that the explained to me why I had been called in a particular manner on their passage. ach all abuses, and who were, them- complaint from any quarter, at the man- said committee, in its inquiries, may re- heads of the Executive Departments had on first to purge myself on oath of all It was believed that a system of specific many quarter, at the manner in which they had fulfilled the ob- fer to such periods of time as to them performed their official duties with abimay seem expedient and proper." lity and integrity. In your speech you immediately changed positions with Mr. tropolis, and began to be felt throughout where we may be seen as the same of keyward and the same of keyward an The committee appointed by you, sir, denied this; you charged them with propositions upon the pure, virgin Ad was constituted thus: Mr. Wise, Mr. was constituted thus: Mr. Wise, Mr. was not imagined that a work proposition of him who could do no learned to what information he had been carry to what information he had been carry. dams Administration was left in any wrong, and declared it was more corrupt Campbell, Mr. Hannegan, Mr. Parks, Mr. which you referred; and you demanded ing to the proceedings of a himself to the level of an informer, and the level of an informer, and the level of the proceedings of a himself to the level of an informer, and the level of the proceedings of a himself to the level of the proceedings of a himself to the level of the proceedings of a himself to the level of the proceedings of a himself to the level of the proceedings of a himself to the level of the proceedings of a himself to the level of the proceedings of a himself to the level of the proceedings of a himself to the level of the proceedings of a himself to the level of the proceedings of a himself to the level of the proceedings of a himself to the level of the proceedings of a himself to the level of the proceedings of a himself to the level of the proceedings of a himself to the level of the proceedings of a himself to the level of the proceedings of the pr \*\* Departments. They in this time than that which had, on the plea of cordinate of the plea of cordinate of the plea of cordinate of the House of Representation was left in any wrong, and declared it was more corrupt than that which had, on the plea of cordinate of the House of Representation was left in any wrong, and declared it was more corrupt than that which had, on the plea of cordinate of the House of Representation was left in any wrong, and declared it was more corrupt than that which had, on the plea of cordinate of the House of Representation was left in any wrong, and declared it was more corrupt than that which had, on the plea of cordinate of the House of Representation was left in any wrong, and declared it was more corrupt than that which had, on the plea of cordinate of the House of Representation was left in any wrong, and declared it was more corrupt than that which had, on the plea of cordinate of the House of Representation was left in any wrong, and declared it was more corrupt than that which had, on the plea of cordinate of the House of Representation was left in any wrong, and declared it was more corrupt than that which had, on the plea of cordinate of the House of Representation was left in any wrong, and declared it was more corrupt to the please of the House of Representation was left in any wrong, and declared it was more corrupt to the please of the House of Representation was left in any wrong, and declared it was more corrupt to the please of the House of Representation was left in any wrong, and declared it was more corrupt.

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